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TAGS: PTER ASEC CASC

SUBJECT: REPORT OF EAC CONCERNING BOMBING OF
 JEWISH WELFARE AGENCY IN BUENOS AIRES.

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 REF: B.A. 04685

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 09:55 THIS MORNING, BUENOS AIRES TIME, A LARGE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT AMIA (THE ARGENTINE ISRAELI MUTUAL ASSOCIATION). INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE A NUMBER OF DEAD AND INJURED. THE SEVEN STORY BUILDING COLLAPSED FROM THE EXPLOSION.

2. THE EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE MET ON 7/18/94

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AT 12:00 PM TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND HOW US INTERESTS MAY BE AFFECTED. IN ATTENDANCE WERE CHARGE, ADM, EAO, POL, DAO, MILGP, ECON, DEA, RSO CONGEN, FAA, USIS, FCS AND FAS.

3. RSO REPORTED ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO HEIGHTEN SECURITY AT USG FACILITIES:

- A. ADDITIONAL GUARDS (BOTH POLICE AND CONTRACT) WERE ORDERED TO COVER ALL USG OWNED QUARTERS TO INCLUDE DCM RESIDENCE, MARINE HOUSE AND DAO.
- B. THE USIA LINCOLN CENTER WAS CLOSED, FOR THE DAY. IT IS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AFFECTED, BY CONGESTION, DUE TO THE BLAST.
- C. ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE EMBASSY WILL BE SEARCHED THOROUGHLY BEFORE ENTERING. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN THOSE WITH US CD PLATES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE COMPOUND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- D. ADDITIONAL GUARDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED, BY FCS, AT THE U.S EXHIBIT IN THE RURAL EXPOSITION. THE ISRAELI EXHIBIT IS ADJACENT TO THE U.S. IN THE PAVILION.

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E. MARINES WERE RECALLED TO THE EMBASSY TO STAND BY.

4. A DISCUSSION OF THE TYPE OF NOTICE, IF ANY, THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING NOTICE BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NO DOUBLE STANDARD DOCTRINE:

AN EXPLOSION HAS OCCURRED IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES, THE TARGET OF THE APPARENT TERRORIST ATTACK WAS THE AMIA (ARGENTINE/ISRAELI MUTUAL ASSOCIATION - A PRIVATE JEWISH COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTER). AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD EXERCISE DUE CAUTION THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL DEPARTURES FROM ARGENTINA BY PLANE, CAR OR BOAT WILL BE DELAYED, PENDING THEIR INVESTIGATION. ANY QUESTIONS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CONSULAR AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AT 777-4533.

5. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC ON THIS SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR 12:00 PM 7/19/94. GODARD

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